

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE ENGROSSED NO. **HCR1018** - 2/23/00

Introduced by: Representatives Koskan, Brown (Richard), Chicoine, Diedrich (Larry), Jaspers, Juhnke, Kazmerzak, Klaudt, McNenny, Pummel, Roe, and Smidt and Senators Drake, Benson, Frederick, and Kleven

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging the United States Congress to fully implement tax,
2 regulatory, risk management, and trade policy reform to allow the Freedom to Farm Act to
3 perform as intended.

4 WHEREAS, the House Committee on Agriculture of the United States Congress intends to
5 conduct hearings to review federal agriculture policy in 2000; and

6 WHEREAS, agriculture is the leading industry in South Dakota and our state is directly
7 affected by federal agriculture policy; and

8 WHEREAS, the United States Senate has failed to address substantive federal crop insurance
9 reform although the United States House of Representatives passed such legislation in 1999; and

10 WHEREAS, federal crop insurance reform should address multiple-year disasters which
11 adversely affect crop production five-year averages, make crop insurance premiums more cost-
12 effective, protect producers against declining prices and loss in farm revenue in addition to crop
13 losses, and make available a higher combination of yield and price protection that would help
14 extricate producers from government financial dependence; and

15 WHEREAS, five firms control eighty percent of the beef packing market, six firms conduct
16 seventy-five percent of the pork processing, and the four largest grain buyers control nearly forty

1 percent of grain elevators and storage, the United States Congress should address changes in
2 antitrust law to address increased concentration of agriculture industries; and

3 WHEREAS, the United States Congress has not enacted meaningful and reasonable
4 regulatory reform in areas such as wetlands, endangered species, land use regulations, and public
5 land use, which has perpetuated unnecessary costs and burdensome regulations for producers;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, the United States Congress has not enacted necessary tax reform allowing
8 producers to keep more of what they earn by reforming and reducing our complex and
9 burdensome tax system; and

10 WHEREAS, over ninety-six percent of the world's population lives outside of America, the
11 United States Congress should expand agriculture trade opportunities abroad for producers; and

12 WHEREAS, the United States Congress should repeal all agriculture embargoes and
13 sanctions abroad as they destroy markets for United States producers and open markets for our
14 foreign competitors; and

15 WHEREAS, the United States Congress should enact market-based solutions to depressed
16 agriculture markets:

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-
18 fifth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the United
19 States Congress is urged to implement tax, regulatory, risk management, and trade policy reform
20 to allow the Freedom to Farm Act to perform as its framers intended.

1 **BILL HISTORY**

2 2/22/00 House of Representatives Deferred to another day. H.J. 776

3 2/23/00 House of Representatives Adopt Resolution, AYES 59, NAYS 9.

4 2/23/00 Motion to Amend, Passed.